



PARKS, ARTS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ACTION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, December 17, 2003
Hillview Community Center
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Maridee Charlton, Vice Chair Maria Bautista, Commissioners, Marian Cooper, Susan Boennighausen, Nancy Lippe, Cheryl Weiden

Absent: None

MINUTES OF November 19, 2003 MEETING

COMMISSIONER LIPPE moved the minutes be approved as written. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEIDEN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment was taken.

BUSINESS

HETCH HETCHY PATHWAY CONCEPTUAL DESIGN STUDY- BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS & TRAIL STUDIES

Dave Brees, Recreation Director and Mr. Glenn Lyles, Project Consultant, presented their report on the Hetch Hetchy Pathway Conceptual Design Study. The Study contained draft background documents and trail study information that will be used in the final project study. 27 members of the community addressed the Commission on this item.

The following is a summary of the comments made by the public speakers. There was general concern regarding the possible negative impacts of the proposed pathway. Overall safety of the neighborhood would be affected due to the access of the pathway to El Camino. The safety concerns focused on the exposure to crime, vagrancy, loitering, parking, escape routes, loss of privacy, property values, safety issues regarding the parking lot at Marriott, safety of children and the crime statistics for El Camino in regard to proximity of the pathway and escape routes. Speakers from the neighborhood desire to maintain the bedroom community vision for Los Altos and not lose sight of the values of the community. Other options for the use of the corridor

ranged from doing nothing to building a playground, a par course, swings or other types of recreation equipment.

There was general discussion by the Commission regarding the options for the Hetch Hetchy corridor. The Commission took no action on this item at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.